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The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing ~~location~~ information regarding a point of interest, comprising:

(a) receiving a query containing ~~at least one~~ a location code regarding a point of interest, wherein said location code includes location and categorical information about said point of interest;

(b) searching a database for ~~location~~ information about said point of interest using said ~~at least one~~ location code; and

(c) returning matching ~~location~~ information to a client.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

(d) sending said matching ~~location~~ information to an application server;

(e) receiving a re-direct request from said client; and

(f) connecting said client with a location specified in said re-direct request.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~location~~ matching information includes one or more street addresses, phone numbers, e-mail address, and universal resource locators.

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4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a location server, coupled to said database, receives said query.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said database includes said ~~location~~ information and said at least one location code.
6. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying said location code on a map.
7. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein said categorical information defines said point of interest as one of a restaurant, hotel, museum, theater, retail store, business, park, automatic teller machine, public telephone, bus stop, monument, or private residence.
8. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said query is received via one of the Internet or telephone.
9. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said location code includes four attributes: a zone ID, a category, a sub-category, and a unique identifier.
10. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said query identifies a wildcard as a substitute for at least one of said four attributes.
11. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said matching information includes a visual display of said point of interest.

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12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein said visual display is a photograph.

13. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a menu driven interface to allow said client to enter said query.

14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said location code is a numerical.

15. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising displaying said location code on a map.

16. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said query is received via one of the Internet or telephone.

17. (New) A method for providing information regarding a point of interest, comprising:

(a) receiving a query containing a location code regarding a point of interest;

(b) searching a database for information about said point of interest using said location code; and

(c) returning matching information to a client, wherein said information includes a visual display of said point of interest.

18. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein said visual display is a photograph.

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19. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein said location code includes location and categorical information about said point of interest.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, further comprising displaying said location code on a map.

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